Bold choice
Bright future
Parent and Family Viewbook 2019-20
We know you want your student to succeed in university.

We do too!

You’ve invested so much into your student. You’ve seen them grow into an adult, and you want them to find success in the next part of their journey. At UCalgary, they can have an incredible education experience that will benefit them for the rest of their life.

UCalgary offers its students high-quality academic programs and a supportive learning environment in which to excel. This includes undergraduate research opportunities like our PURE program, experiential learning opportunities such as our Study Abroad and ucalgarycares programs, and co-operative education and internship positions with a variety of companies including BMW and ConocoPhillips. Career Services, Student Accessibility Services, the Student Success Centre and many other student support services will ensure your student can access the help they need to be successful.

The University of Calgary acknowledges the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta, which includes the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprising the Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai First Nations), as well as the Tsuut’ina First Nation and the Stoney Nakoda (including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley First Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III. UCalgary is situated on land adjacent to where the Bow River meets the Elbow River, and the traditional Blackfoot name of this place is “Moh’kins’tsis,” which we now call the City of Calgary.
get to know our city

Calgary is a city of opportunity. There’s no better place to pursue a post-secondary education.

- Canada’s leader in innovation and its energy capital
- One of the safest major cities in Canada
- One hour from the Rocky Mountains and Banff National Park
- Ranked the 4th most livable city worldwide
- Canada’s sunniest city, with 333+ annual days of sunshine
- Home to North America’s most extensive urban pathway system

get to know our university

Innovation, creativity and an unwavering entrepreneurial spirit strengthen our campus culture

- Ranked in the top 200 universities worldwide
- #6 top research university in Canada
- 27,000+ undergraduate students
- 70+ career workshops each year
- 95% undergraduate retention rate
- 91% graduate employment ratio
- 23:1 student to faculty ratio
a bold choice
why choose UCalgary

It’s about striving to be the best
At UCalgary, students enjoy a high-quality education enriched by research and experiential learning opportunities. Your student will love our inspiring professors, experts in their fields, who create exceptional learning experiences designed to challenge and nurture. Students can explore, take risks, and push boundaries as they experience our rich academic environment.

A global intellectual hub
UCalgary is a global intellectual hub where students and staff from over 160 countries come to share ideas and different perspectives. Our university produces graduates who have strong cross-cultural competencies and who are competitive in the global marketplace.

An invigorating campus spirit
At UCalgary, we are all Dinos. Being a Dino means our students challenge themselves to be the best they can be in all aspects of their university experience, from sports to academics. Dinos events are key opportunities for the campus community to gather and show spirit. Through their hard work, community leadership and determination, Dinos athletes remind us of our dedication to the pursuit of new knowledge and innovation that benefits the world we live in. Go Dinos!

A safe place to learn
We’re proud to have a welcoming and safe campus. We take a pro-active approach to safety at our university. Our university is patrolled 24 hours a day and is monitored by over 2,000 closed-circuit television cameras. Additionally, our university offers help phones and intercoms in most buildings, parking lots and elevators; a check-in system called SoloSafe; and a Safewalk program in which volunteers will walk anyone to their destination 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

unique learning opportunities

Research
Whether it’s conducted in class or in the field, research can be an important part of your student’s academic journey. The Program for Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE) and the Markin Undergraduate Student Research Program in Health and Wellness are two examples of programs dedicated to giving undergraduate students research experience. They’ll work alongside researchers to learn how projects are developed and how research can contribute to solving our world’s greatest challenges. research.ucalgary.ca/students

Study Abroad
Your student doesn’t have to wait until they graduate to see the world. With 200+ partners and programs across six continents, we can boost their degree with experiential learning opportunities that maximize their time here. Our Study Abroad programs are a chance to explore new places and new ideas through study and travel, leading to the adventure of a lifetime. ucalgary.ca/international/study-abroad
university terminology

As your student prepares to apply for university, here are some common university terms you’ll begin to hear.

Credentials

Bachelor degree: An undergraduate degree that typically takes four to five years to complete. Many bachelor degrees are direct entry; however, some degrees require prior university study first (e.g., Social Work, Law and Medicine). A student who is pursuing a bachelor degree is called an undergraduate student.

Honours bachelor degree: An honours degree is a further specialization of a bachelor’s degree requiring high academic standing and, typically, a thesis project. A thesis project is an original research idea that’s presented at the end of the undergraduate degree. Some programs at UCalgary, like the Bachelor of Health Sciences, are only offered as an honours degree.

Combined degree: A combined degree is when a student registers in two different bachelor degrees (including honours degrees) at the same time and graduates from both degrees concurrently. It typically requires a minimum of five years of study.

Learn more at ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/combined-degrees.

Other common terms

Academic calendar: The calendar contains information about our program and admission requirements, course descriptions and academic regulations. View our academic calendar at ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current.

Major: A major is the main area of focus throughout a bachelor’s degree. Students typically take one-third of their courses in this specialization.

Minor: A minor is an optional secondary area of focus that can be added to a degree. It requires fewer courses than a major.

Embedded certificate: Embedded certificates are completed as part of a bachelor degree, at no extra cost, and are designed to focus on a thematic area and be available to students across faculties. Examples include Sustainability, and Mental Wellbeing and Resilience. Learn more at ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/embedded-certificates.

Co-operative (co-op) programs and internship: Co-ops and internships are paid work opportunities that a student can add to some degree options. Learn more at ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/coop-1.

Award: An award that requires a student to meet multiple requirements. This could include a student’s extra-curricular activities, a club that they are involved in, or an affiliation a parent has. Award is also a generic term used to describe all financial awards in general.

Scholarship: An award based primarily on academic merit, but also based on other selection factors.

Bursary: An award based on financial need. Financial need is calculated by looking at a student’s costs and then subtracting their resources.

Prestige awards: These awards are for high-achieving entering students. A student’s academic excellence and accomplishments outside the classroom are considered.
dates and deadlines

2019

October 1
Fall 2020 undergraduate application opens
Fall 2020 competitive undergraduate awards application opens

December 1
Prestige awards deadline

December 10
Application for residence opens (students can apply for residence as soon as they apply for admission)

December 15
Prestige awards document deadline

2020

February 1
Transfer applicant document deadline for early admission

March 1
Fall 2020 admission application deadline
Fall 2020 undergraduate awards application deadline
Deadline for students to make changes to their program choices on their admission application

June 1
Deadline for transfer applicants to submit final official documents

Mid-May
First-year students can begin registering in courses (your student will be assigned an enrolment appointment, a specific date and time when they can begin registration)

March 15
Deadline for high school and transfer applicants to submit unofficial transcript and supporting documents

August 1
Deadline for high school applicants to submit final official transcripts (find specific details in your Student Centre at my.ucalgary.ca)

March
First-year students can begin registering in courses (your student will be assigned an enrolment appointment, a specific date and time when they can begin registration)

To assist your student with the UCalgary application process, here are some helpful tips:

- Students should apply as early as possible to be considered for both admission and awards
- Students can apply to two programs with one application and a single fee.
- Each program will be reviewed based on the grades presented at the time of submission. If a student is unable to be considered for early admission, their grades will be automatically reviewed again, when new grades are received.
- Students should select the program that they’re most interested in as their first choice. If they receive an offer to their first choice program, this is the only offer they’ll receive.
- There are two steps to accept an offer of admission. Students must accept the offer in their student portal (my.ucalgary.ca), and pay the $500 non-refundable admission deposit. This deposit will go towards your student’s first-year tuition. The due date for this deposit is included with their offer of admission.

To be admitted, applicants must have the five required courses specific to their program (ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/requirements), meet the competitive admission average and meet the English language proficiency requirement (ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/a-11). To finalize admission, students must graduate from high school, complete the five required courses and maintain their admission average.
areas of study

Part of your student’s application process is to select a major, which is their main focus of study. They can further customize their education by choosing a minor in an upper year.

**FACULTY OF ARTS**

* Bachelor of Arts
  - Ancient and Medieval History 1, 2
  - Anthropology (Social and Cultural) 1, 2
  - Archaeology 1, 2
  - Art History
  - Canadian Studies 1, 2
  - Communication and Media Studies 1
  - Dance
  - Development Studies 1, 2
  - East Asian Language Studies 2
  - East Asian Studies 2
  - Economics 1, 2
  - English 1, 2
  - Film Studies 1, 2
  - French 1, 2
  - Geography 1, 2
  - German 1, 2

  Greek and Roman Studies 1, 2
  History 1, 2
  International Indigenous Studies 2
  International Relations 2
  Italian Studies 1
  Latin American Studies 2
  Law and Society 1, 2
  Linguistics 1, 2
  Linguistics and Language 2
  Multidisciplinary Studies 2
  Music 1
  Philosophy 1, 2
  Political Science 1, 2
  Psychology 1, 2
  Religious Studies 1, 2
  Russian 1, 2
  Sociology 1, 2
  Spanish 1, 2
  Urban Studies 1
  Women’s Studies 1, 2

  Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies
  Communication and Media Studies 2
  Bachelor of Film Studies
  Film 1
  Bachelor of Fine Arts
  Dance
  Drama
  Visual Studies 1, 2
  Bachelor of Music
  Composition
  Integrated Studies
  Performance
  Bachelor of Science
  Anthropology 1, 2
  Archaeology 1, 2
  Earth Science 1, 2
  Geography 1, 2
  Psychology 1

**HASKAYNE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

* Bachelor of Commerce
  - Accounting 1, 2
  - Business Analytics 1, 2
  - Business Technology Management 1, 2
  - Entrepreneurship and Innovation 1, 2
  - Finance 1, 2
  - General Commerce 1, 2
  - International Business Strategy 1, 2
  - Marketing 1, 2
  - Operations Management 1, 2
  - Organizational Behaviour and Human Resources 1, 2
  - Personal Financial Planning 1, 2
  - Energy and Professional Land Management 1, 2
  - Real Estate Studies 1, 2
  - Risk Management and Insurance 1, 2
  - Risk Management: Insurance and Finance 1, 2
  - Supply Chain Management 1, 2

  Note: Commerce students must choose a concentration when they apply, but can change it in a future term.

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

* Bachelor of Science
  - Actuarial Science 1, 2
  - Astrophysics 1, 2
  - Biochemistry 1, 2
  - Biological Sciences 1, 2
  - Cellular, Molecular and Microbial Biology 1, 2
  - Chemistry 1, 2
  - Computer Science 1, 2
  - Ecology 1, 2
  - Environmental Science 1, 2
  - General Mathematics 2
  - Geology 1, 2
  - Geophysics 1, 2
  - Mathematics 1, 2
  - Natural Sciences 1, 2
  - Neuroscience (honours only) 1, 2
  - Physics 1, 2
  - Plant Biology 1, 2
  - Zoology 1, 2

**CUMMING SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

* Bachelor of Community Rehabilitation
  - Community Rehabilitation

* Bachelor of Health Sciences (honours only)
  - Bioinformatics
  - Biomedical Sciences
  - Health and Society

**WERKLUND SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

* Bachelor of Education
  - Five-year (concurrent) 3
  - Four-year (campus-based)
  - Four-year (community-based) 5

**SCHULICH SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING**

* Bachelor of Science in Engineering
  - Chemical Engineering 2
  - Civil Engineering 2
  - Electrical Engineering 2
  - Geomatics Engineering 2
  - Mechanical Engineering 2
  - Oil and Gas Engineering 2
  - Software Engineering 2

  Note: Engineering students apply to a discipline after a common first year.

**PROGRAMS REQUIRING PREVIOUS POST-SECONDARY STUDY**

* Education (after-degree)
  - School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape
  - School of Public Policy
  - Social Work
  - Veterinary Medicine (Alberta residents only)

**FOOTNOTES**

1. Honours program offered
2. Co-operative education and/or internship option available
3. Must meet entrance requirements for concurrent (combined) degree program
4. Available on multiple campuses
5. Online option available
costs and funding

Approximate costs for one academic year (September to April)

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FOOTNOTES
* International tuition costs are approximate and based on a course load of 10 classes (30 credits) over eight months (two terms). Fees are based on the 2019 – 2020 academic year and are subject to change.
† Full fee information is available at ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/p-1-1.

Cost estimator
Students will likely use a variety of sources to cover the costs of university. This might include savings, part-time jobs, scholarships, bursaries, awards and student loans.

Students can find the cost estimator by visiting ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/cost-estimator.

Paying fees
Students have several options to pay their fees including online banking, international fund transfers and in-person at Enrolment Services.

Learn more at ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/tuition-fees/pay-your-fees.

Student loans
Government student assistance programs (student loans) are available to Canadian citizens, permanent residents, protected persons and American citizens.

Learn more at ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/finances.

Using RRSPs and LLPs
Final tuition fees are due in September 2020, after the start of classes. Tuition fees are posted to student accounts after they register in courses. Once tuition fees have been posted, you’ll be able to withdraw RRSP and LLP funds should you wish.

Money Smart
Students can learn about budgeting, money saving strategies, financial planning, and more, by attending a Money Smart workshop, accessing a Financial Literacy session or making an appointment with a Money Smart peer helper.

Learn more at ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/money-smart.

Health and dental benefits
All full-time undergraduate students (taking three or more courses) are automatically enrolled in the Student Health and Dental Plan when they register for classes.

Learn more at su.ucalgary.ca/programs-services/student-services/health-dental.

Invest in your student’s future!
See how affordable university can be.

KATIE
Ernest Manning High School
Business
High school applicant
Katie lives with her parents but has a 250 Swipes meal plan so she can eat conveniently on campus.

JAKE
American School of Mexico City
Engineering
International Baccalaureate applicant
Jake lives in a double traditional-style residence room with a seven-day All You Care To Eat meal plan.
campus support services

Faith and Spirituality Centre (FSC)
The FSC seeks to cultivate a pluralistic community by encouraging cultural and religious literacy, community building, and social change.
ucalgary.ca/student-services/faith-spirituality

Leadership and Student Engagement (LSE)
The LSE is committed to helping every student thrive. From new student orientation, to facilitating connections with peers, to learning about social justice and serving the community through ucalgarycares, the LSE connects students to one another, to our campus, and to our local, national and international communities.
ucalgary.ca/leadership

First Year Scholars (FYS)
The FYS program connects the top incoming students with a community of high-achieving peers across all disciplines.
ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning-support/first-year-scholars

Student Success Centre (SSC)
Whether your student is deciding which degree to pursue or would like support in enhancing their learning strategies, the SSC’s exploratory advisors, academic development and writing support staff are here to support them. Students have access to a variety of one-on-one appointment services, as well as writing workshops, success seminars and academic support programs.
ucalgary.ca/success

International Student Services (ISS)
ISS provides support services and customized advising for all international students. Our leadership initiatives develop, design and deliver unique peer-driven programs that connect international and Canadian students.
ucalgary.ca/iss

Emerging Leaders Program (ELP)
The ELP was designed to get your student involved in campus activities, and get them comfortable with university life. Students are paired with a mentor who will be their guide as they navigate first year.
ucalgary.ca/leadership/leadership-development/elp

Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
SAS works collaboratively and innovatively with the campus community to create an accessible, equitable and supportive learning and living environment that enhances academic and personal development. Admitted students can meet with an access advisor to discuss transitioning their accommodations from high school to university.
ucalgary.ca/access

Career Services
The expert staff at Career Services will help your student prepare for a career they’ll love. They can meet with a career specialist, get expert advice to improve their resume, and attend career fairs to meet potential employers.
ucalgary.ca/careers

Student Wellness Services
Your student can access counselling, medical appointments, chiropractic and massage, and a registered dietitian. They can also take part in wellness workshops and group programs.
ucalgary.ca/wellness-services

residence

Your student can live, learn and grow alongside their peers, while creating strong and lasting friendships. With shared dorm-style rooms in first year, to full apartments in upper years or grad school, to family housing, there are options available for all students.

Each building has a residence life coordinator who provides continuous support. Residence life coordinators foster and promote inclusive living environments, organize events and help students with everything from homesickness to health and academics.

Learn more at ucalgary.ca/ancillary/residence/live-with-us.

Multi-year guarantee
All students applying directly from high school are guaranteed a place in residence for both first and second year if they apply by May 1, 2020.

Meal plans
The University of Calgary has an unlimited All You Care to Eat (AYCTE) Meal Plan that ensures our students have the best value, convenience, nutrition and flexibility.

With multiple fresh food options available (gluten free, vegan, vegetarian and meat choices), students can choose to eat whatever they like, whenever they like and as much as they need throughout the academic year. The Landing at the Dining Centre offers breakfast, lunch, dinner and continuous dining in-between meal times.

For those not living in residence, the All You Care To Eat program is also available, along with swipe plans and door rates, which will vary based on the time of day.

Learn more at ucalgary.ca/ancillary/unicard/use-card/meal-plan.
getting your student started

Visit campus
The best way to get to know your student’s future campus is by experiencing it on a campus tour. Guided by one of our current students, you and your student can explore our classrooms, student services, athletic facilities and more. All campus tours conclude with the option to speak with an advisor to explore programs and admission requirements. You and your student can also attend campus events such as Open House, application workshops, faculty sessions, and awards information sessions.

To book a tour, or view upcoming recruitment events and program specific sessions, visit ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tours-events.

Join our family mailing list
To learn more about our campus community, join our mailing list. You’ll be able to request more information, find out when we’ll be visiting a town or city near you and get important details and reminders.

To sign-up, visit ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/contacts-and-help/helpful-resources/future-students/undergraduate.

Make a plan to communicate
Talk with your student about their plan for managing their education, as well as the type of information you would like them to share with you, such as student account balances (fees owing), grade reports, course registration, or difficulties they may be having with school or other related activities. Keep in mind that it’s ultimately the student’s decision which personal information they choose to disclose.

prepare your student to excel

Proven advice you can share with your student

1. It’s important that your student is engaged in more than their course work. Encourage your student to explore clubs, meet their professors and take part in leadership opportunities. Not only will they do better at school, they’ll also build positive relationships with peers, gain new skills and take part in experiences that can benefit them in the future.

2. Encourage your student to seek help early and often. The campus community offers many supports to our students, everything from academic and writing support to mental health and wellness support.

3. Encourage your student to be active. They have access to our world-class Active Living recreational facilities, including our aquatic centre, fitness centre, gymnastics centre, racquet centre and the Olympic Oval. From fitness classes and intramural leagues, to sports clubs and fully-equipped gyms, there are lots of ways to stay active on campus. We also boast the Outdoor Centre, the largest of its kind in North America, which offers training courses, equipment rentals, and student discounts.

protection of privacy

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP)
In accordance with Alberta’s Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, UCalgary is unable to share information about a student or applicant to a third-party (including family members) without the explicit consent of a student or applicant, regardless of their age. This includes information about fees owing and their admission status.

Under FOIP, if a student or applicant would like to authorize a third party to have access to their confidential personal information, they may do so in writing using the Third Party Authorization form. Find it at ucalgary.ca/registrar/student-centre/privacy-policy.